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# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™



**DR.  
ROBOTNIK  
RETURNS!**

NEED WE SAY MORE?

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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his smelly factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive!

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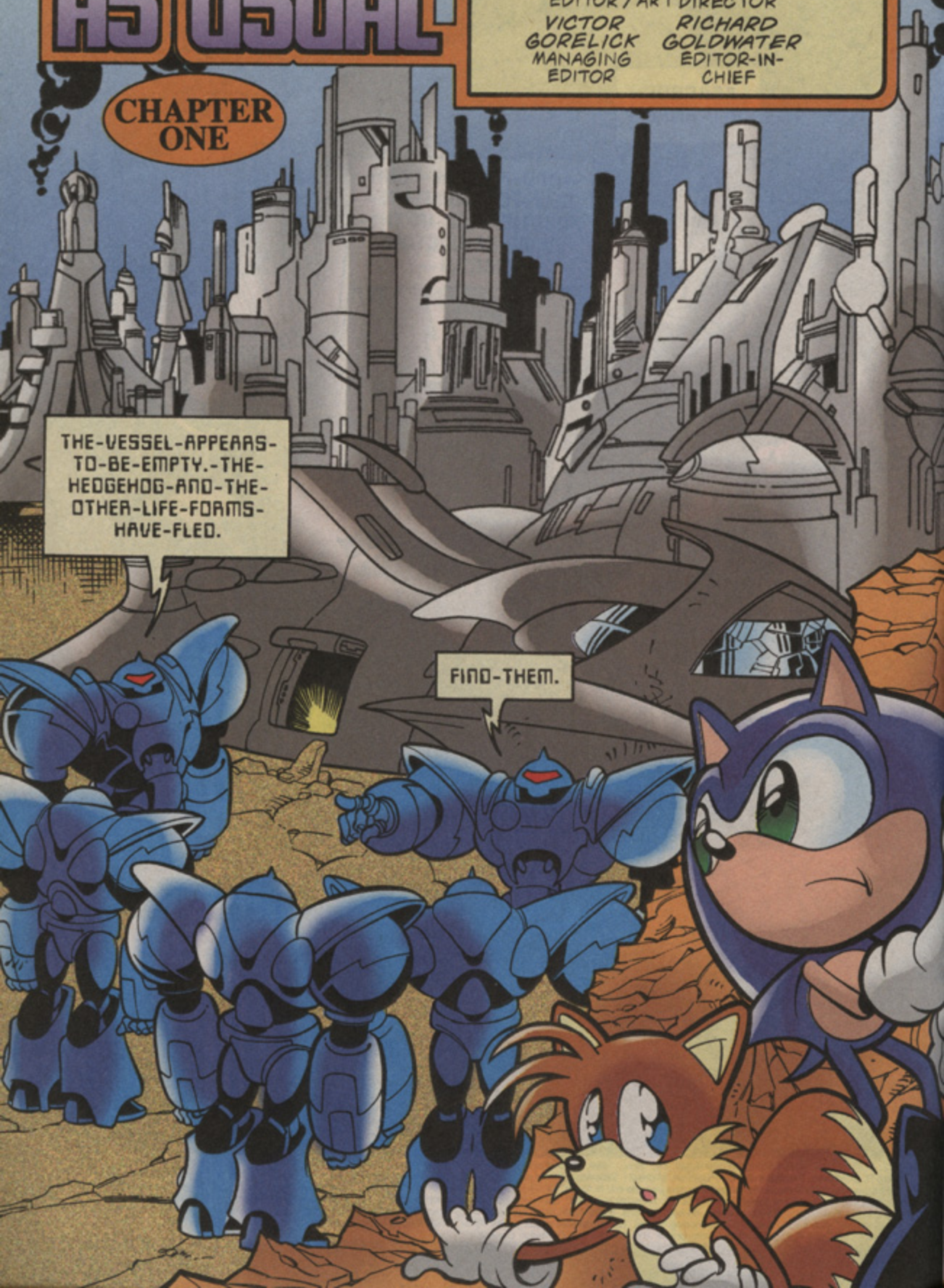
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## CHAPTER ONE

THE VESSEL APPEARS  
TO BE EMPTY. THE  
HEDGEHOG AND THE  
OTHER LIFE FORMS  
HAVE FLED.

FIND THEM.







WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE-- THIS PLACE IS OVERRUN BY THOSE "SUPER SHADOW-BOTS!" LOOKS LIKE RETURNING TO MOBOTROPOLIS WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA.

THE ENTIRE CITY HAS BEEN DESERTED BUT THEY COULDN'T HAVE POSSIBLY CAUGHT EVERYONE-- COULD THEY, NICOLE?

Negative, PRINCESS SALLY--it is more than likely that the POPULACE relocated to KNOTHOLE VILLAGE for their own safety.

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE?!

ARE THEY UTTERLY DERANGED? THERE'S NO SAFETY THERE! ROBOTNIK IS SURE TO HAVE A FILE THAT DIRECTLY PIN-POINTS ITS LOCATION!



JUST A SEC, SNIVELY! DIDN'T RO"BU"NIK BITE THE BIG ONE WHEN HIS SATELLITE WENT KABLOOEY?\*

"BITE THE BIG ONE?" IF YOU BELIEVE HE'S SHUFFLED OFF THIS MOBIAN COIL, SONIC, THINK AGAIN! REMEMBER, HE'S ROBOTICIZED...

...AND NO DOUBT DOWNLOADED HIS MEMORY INTO AN ARTIFICIAL BODY BY NOW!



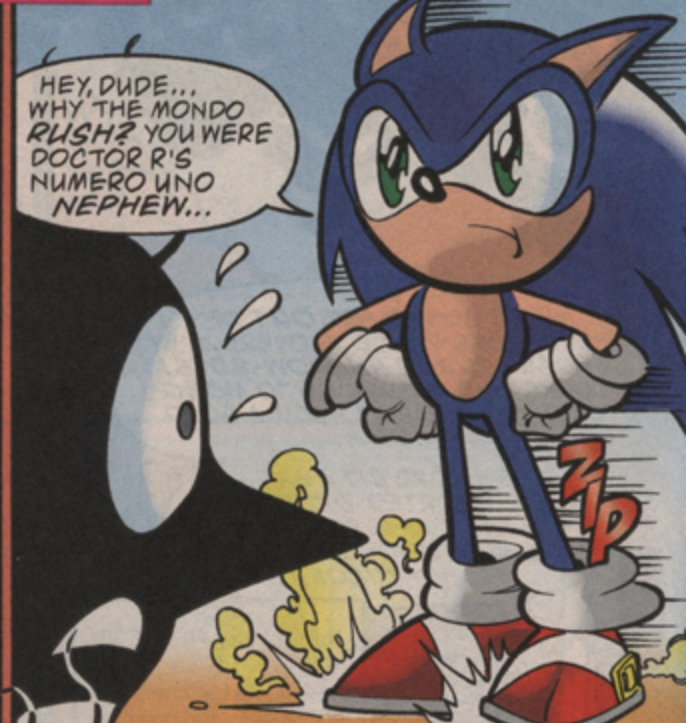
\*Last issue.--JFG

THEN IT'S UP TO US TO PREVENT HIM FROM ACCESSING THAT FILE!

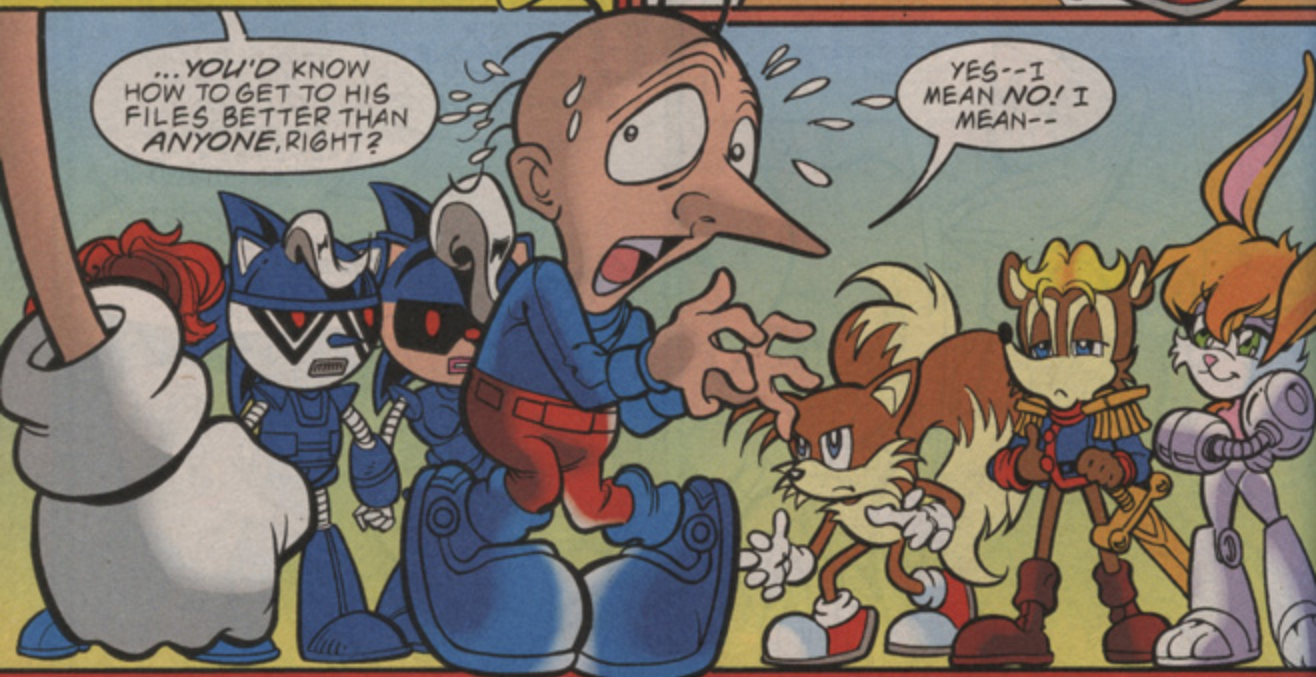




WELL, BEST OF LUCK ON YOUR LITTLE MISSION. TA-TA!



HEY, DUDE... WHY THE MONDO RUSH? YOU WERE DOCTOR R'S NUMERO UNO NEPHEW...



...YOU'D KNOW HOW TO GET TO HIS FILES BETTER THAN ANYONE, RIGHT?

YES--I MEAN NO! I MEAN--



NOW SEE HERE-- I ALREADY DID YOU A FAVOR WHEN I HELPED YOU ESCAPE FROM MY UNCLE'S DREADED CLUTCHES, HEDGE-HOG!"

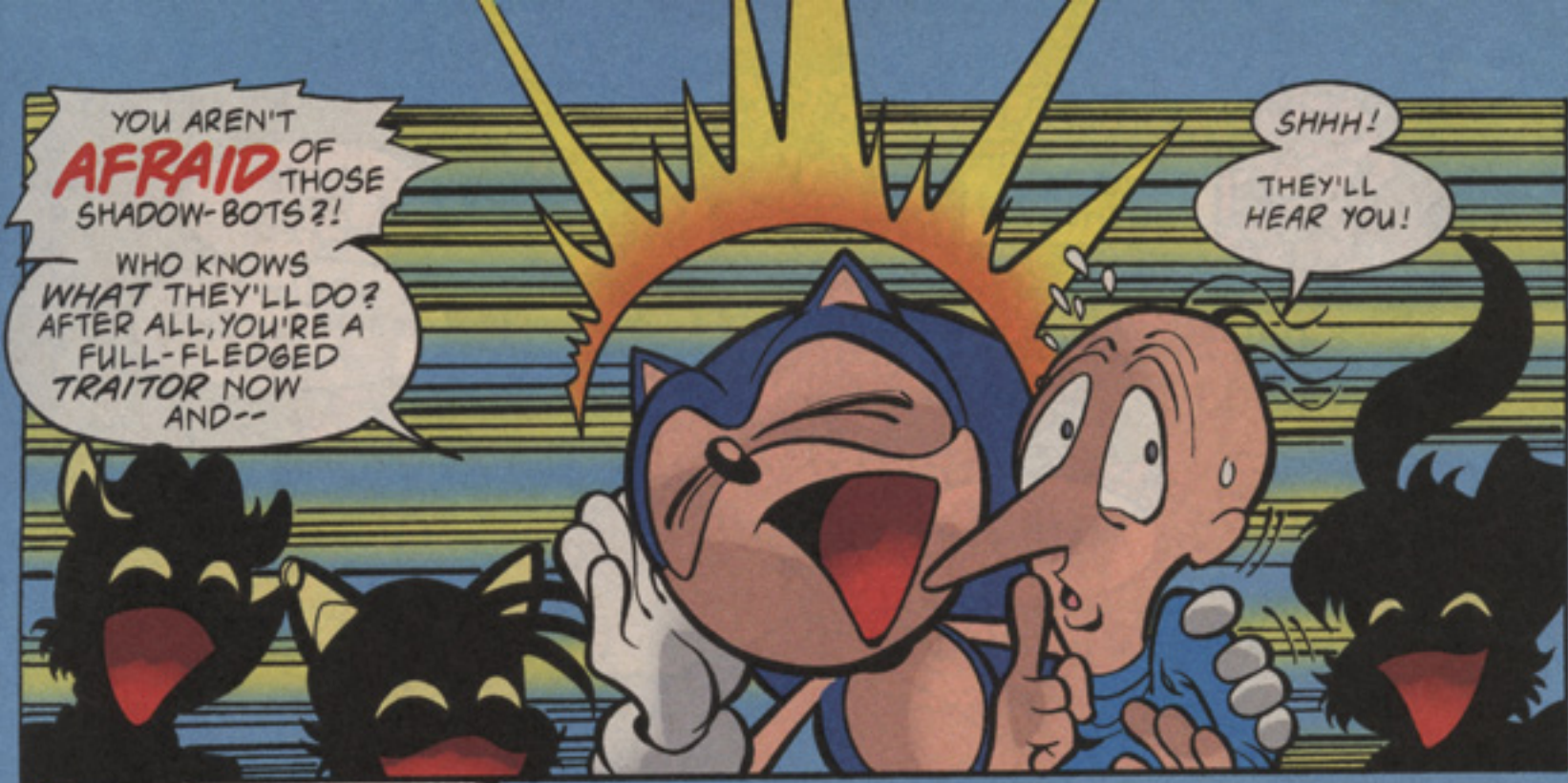
"Again, last ish.--JFG



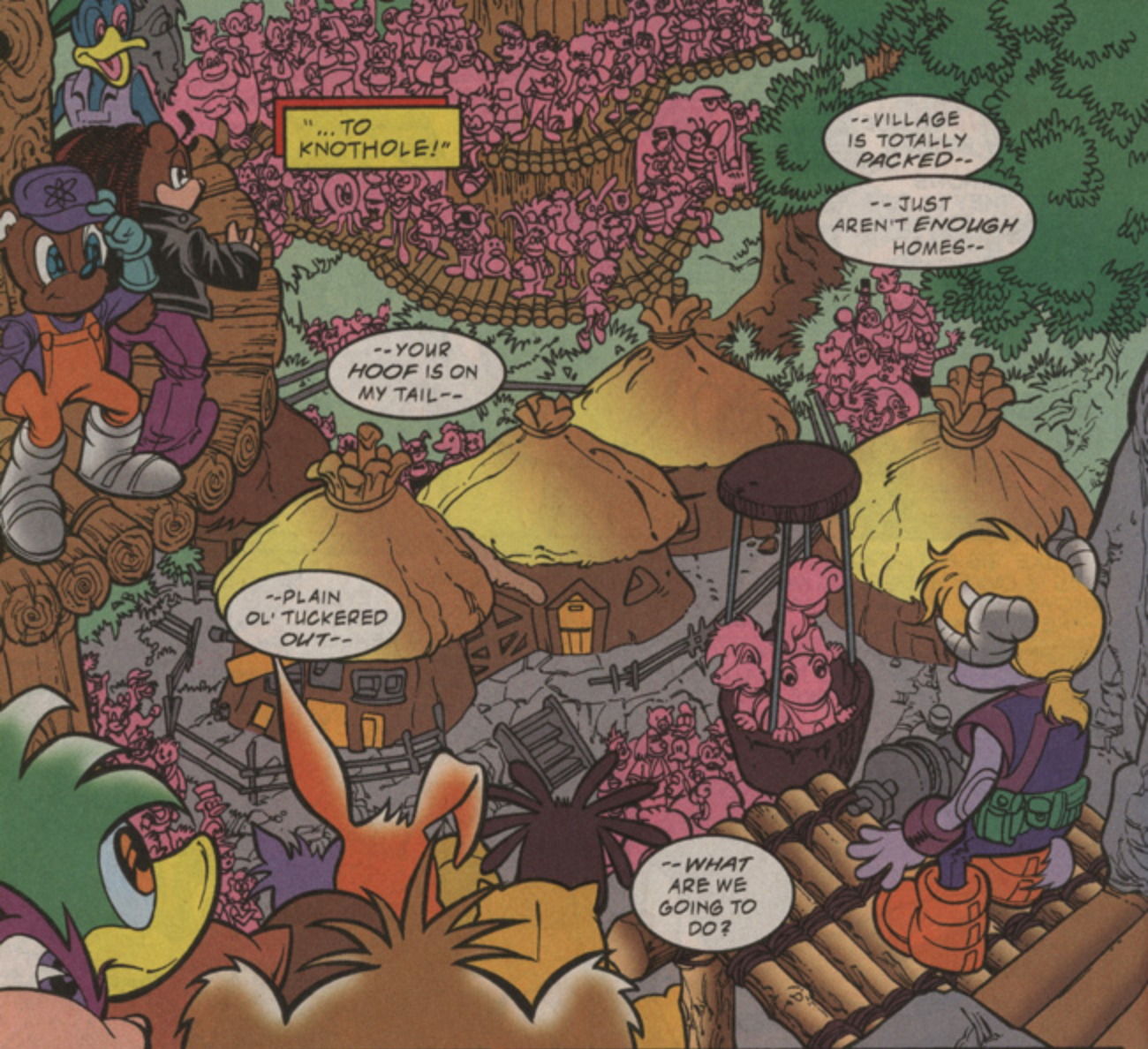
WELL, THEN I OWE YA ONE... "BUDDY!"

THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT! I CAN FIND MY WAY FROM HERE!









"...TO KNOTHOLE!"

--VILLAGE IS TOTALLY PACKED--

--JUST AREN'T ENOUGH HOMES--

--YOUR HOOF IS ON MY TAIL--

--PLAIN OL' TUCKERED OUT--

--WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?



WAIT! HE'S ARRIVED!

IS IT REALLY HIM?



OF COURSE IT'S HIM-- MAKE WAY FOR...





"...KING  
MAXIMILLIAN  
ACORN!"

MY LOYAL **SUBJECTS**... I'M AWARE  
THAT THERE AREN'T **NEARLY** ENOUGH  
SUITABLE **LODGINGS** TO ACCOMODATE  
EVERYONE BUT THE ONES WE  
HAVE...

...MUST, FIRST AND FOREMOST,  
BE AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF  
NEED.

**PREFERENCE** SHOULD BE  
GIVEN TO THE VERY **OLD**... THE  
VERY **YOUNG**... AND THE VERY  
**ILL**.

I'M AFRAID HARD  
**TIMES** ARE AHEAD OF  
US ALL AND I EXTEND  
MY **SYMPATHY** TO YOU  
IN THE WAKE OF TODAY'S  
**TRAGEDY**.

ROBOTNIK'S RETURN  
UNFORTUNATELY CAUGHT  
US ALL BY **SURPRISE**.  
MOST OF THE **POPULACE**  
SAFELY ESCAPED HERE  
TO **SANCTHARY**...

...BUT A  
**HANDFUL**  
WERE NOT  
SO  
**LUCKY**.

"Last ish.-- JFG

HE DEFINITELY  
MEANS SALLY, SONIC  
AND THE OTHERS. HOW  
DOES HE MAINTAIN HIS  
**REGAL BEARING**  
DESPITE EVERYTHING  
THAT'S OCCURRED,  
**NATE**?

YOUR FATHER  
HAS DEALT WITH  
MUCH DURING  
HIS YEARS AS  
MONARCH, PRINCE  
ELIAS, HE IS QUITE  
CAPABLE...

...BUT IT STILL  
DOESN'T EXCUSE MY  
OWN ACTIONS. IT WAS  
I WHO MISTAKENLY  
SENT SONIC AND THE  
OTHERS INTO ROBOTNIK'S  
**CLUTCHES**!



ROBOTROPOLIS...

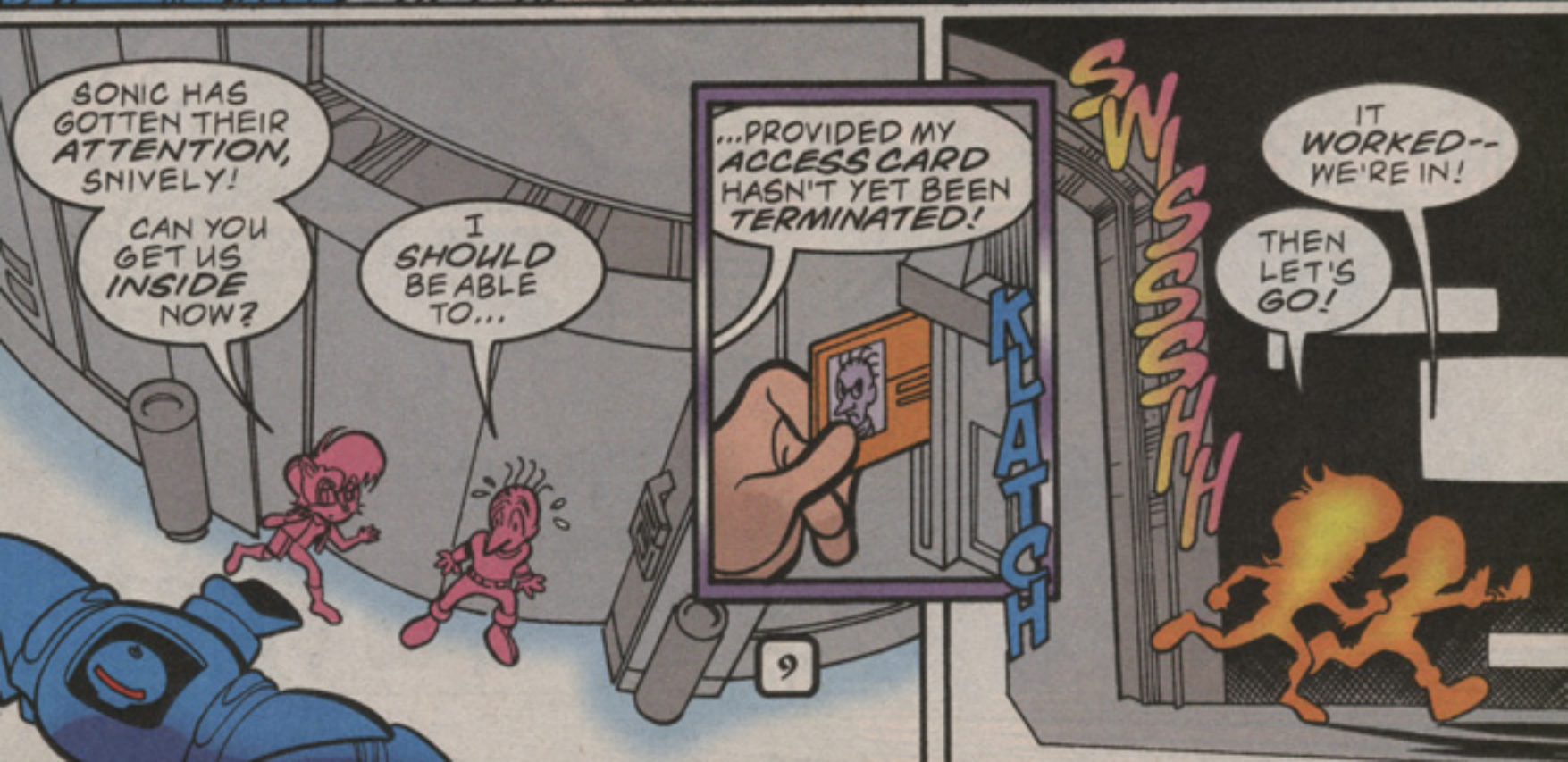
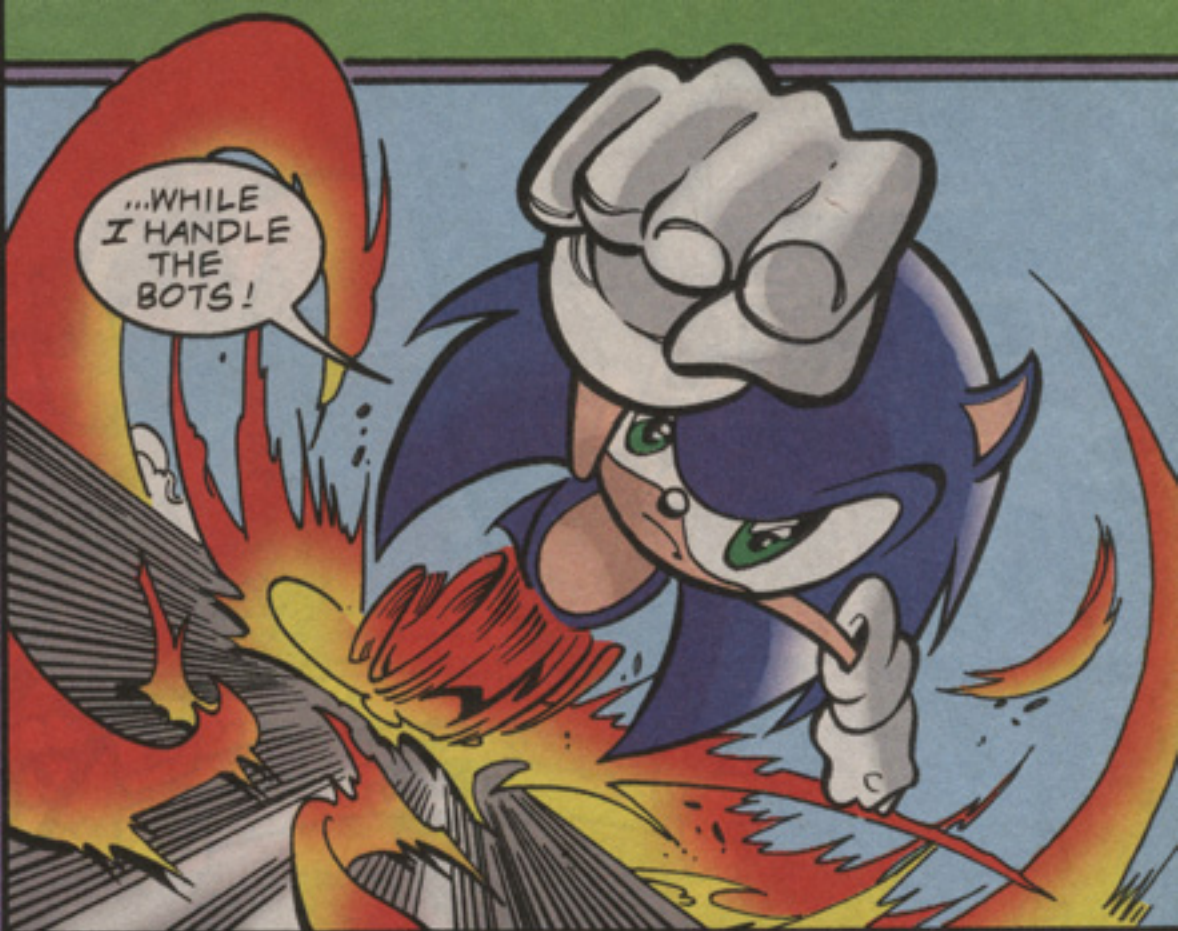
# BUSINESS AS USUAL

CHAPTER  
TWO

YOW, SAL--  
THERE'S A WHOLE  
BUNCH O' SHADOW-  
BOTS IN FRONT OF  
THE ENTRANCE TO  
ROBOTNIK'S  
HQ!

I SEE THEM,  
SONIC-- AND THEY'RE  
TAKING PRISONERS!  
WE'VE GOT TO DO  
SOMETHING!







ELSEWHERE IN  
THE FRIGHTFUL  
FORTRESS...

# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

NO SOONER  
IS THAT RACING  
RODENT BACK ON  
TERRA FIRMA  
THAN HE'S  
ATTEMPTING TO  
ONCE AGAIN  
DERAIL MY  
SCHEMES!"

\*Sonic and Robotnik  
faced off last ish.--JF6

CRUSH  
HIM, MY SHADOW-  
BOTS!

"CRUSH  
HIM!!"



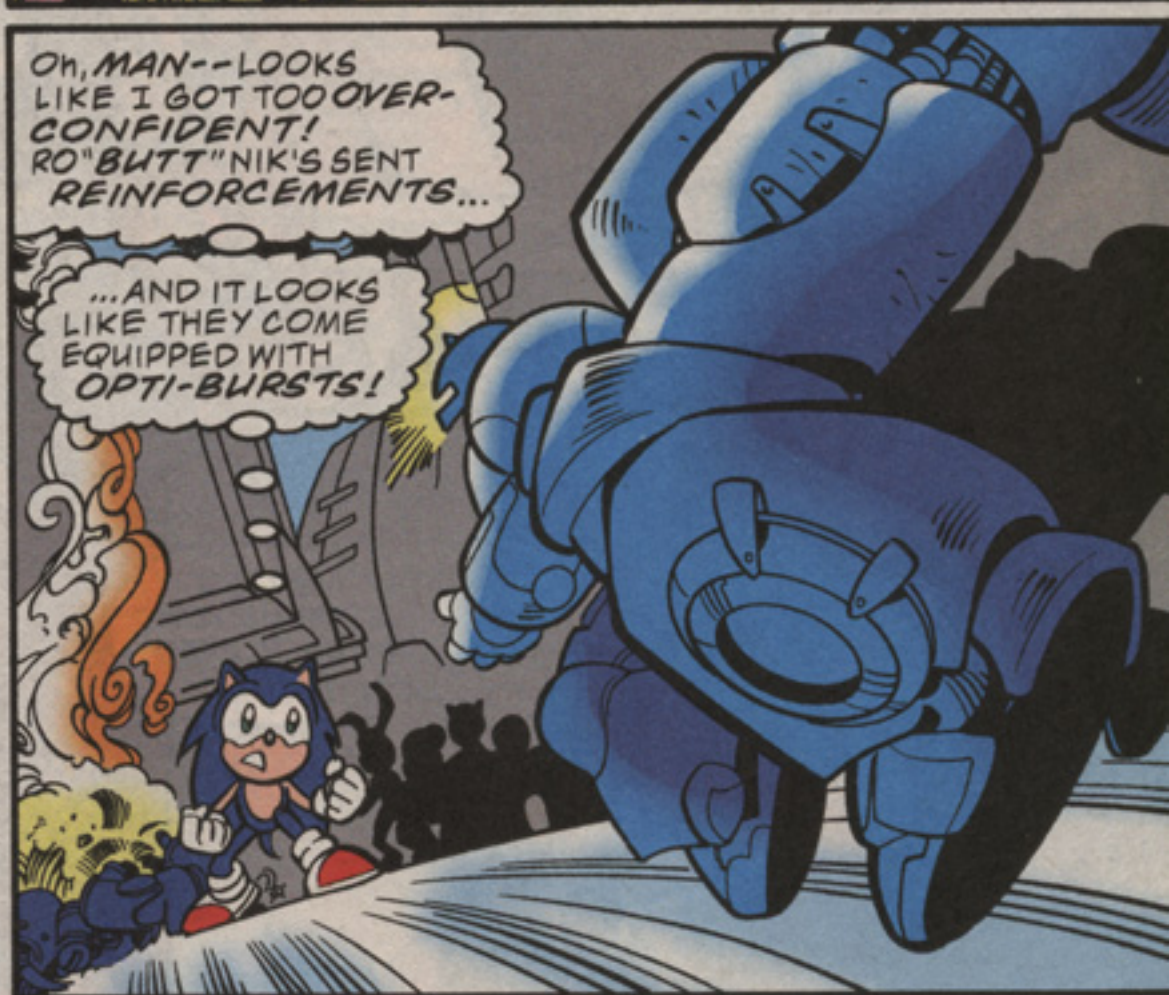
AND THAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... IS HOW YOU TAKE APART FIFTY SHADOW-BOTS IN LESS THAN TEN SECONDS!

I CAUTION YOU NOT TO TRY THIS STUNT AT HOME.



OH, MAN-- LOOKS LIKE I GOT TOO OVER-CONFIDENT! RO "BUTT" NIK'S SENT REINFORCEMENTS...

...AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY COME EQUIPPED WITH OPTI-BURSTS!



EVERYBODY-- YOU'VE GOTTA, LIKE, JUICE TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE RIGHT NOW!

JUICE-- WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?



THAT MEANS--  
**RUN!**





MEANWHILE...

ALL RIGHT, NICOLE--THIS IS ROBOTNIK'S MASTER COMPUTER. YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

Yes, Princess Sa--

SURRENDER--

--AND-PREPARE-FOR-COMPLETE-ROBOTIZATION!

Oh NO!

LET GO OF ME, YOU TIN-PLATED GOON!

AS-YOU-COMMAND!  
AS-YOU-COMMAND!  
AS-YOU-COMMA--  
->FZZTT<-

DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED, MY DEAR! AFTER ALL, MY OVER-WEIGHT UNCLE ISN'T THE ONLY TECHNICAL GENIUS IN THE FAMILY!

IT'S NOT THAT, SNIVELY-- IT'S JUST THAT I'M NOT QUITE USED TO WORKING WITH SOMEONE WHO'S TRIED TO DO ME IN ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION!

OH, BRING THAT UP, WHY DON'T YOU?



OUTSIDE OF  
ROBOTNIK'S HQ...

WOW! THESE CYBER-  
CREEPS ARE PRETTY ROUGH  
CUSTOMERS--WAY MORE  
DEADLY THAN LAST  
YEAR'S MODELS!

TRYING TO TIRE  
THEM OUT WOULD WIN  
ME THE NUMBSKULL-  
OF-THE-YEAR-AWARD,  
SO INSTEAD, I'LL PLAY A  
GAME...

...OF "RING  
AROUND THE  
ROBOTS!"

YOUR GAMBIT HAS A  
FATAL FLAW--OUR  
METAL HIDES ARE  
IMPERVIOUS TO FLAME.

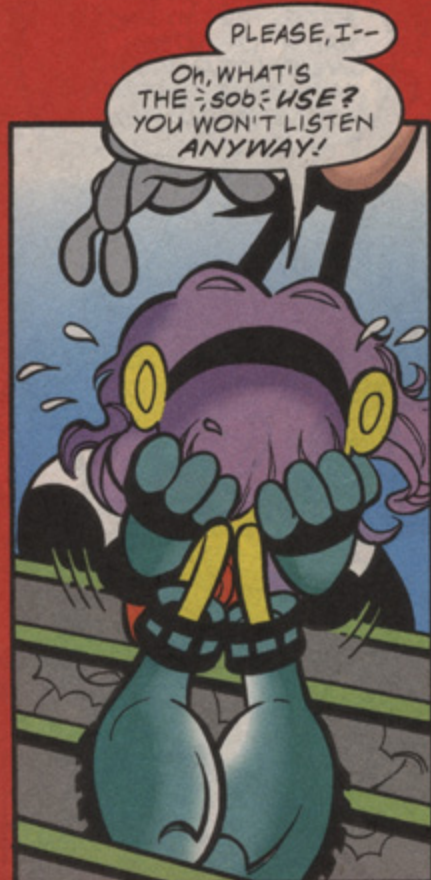
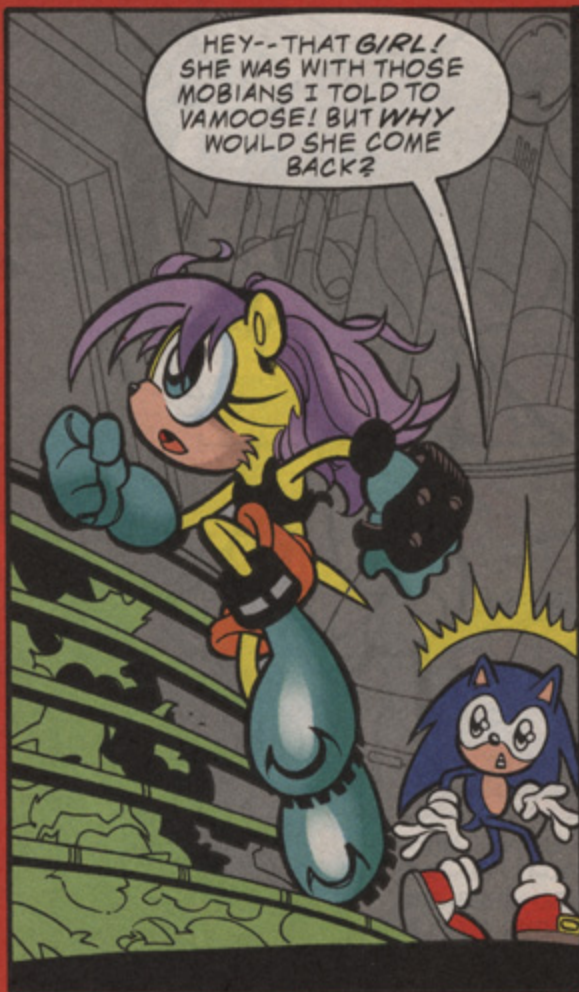
NO DUH, DATA-  
FACE--BUT MY UNCLE  
WAS A TOP-NOTCH  
INVENTOR AND HE  
TAUGHT ME THAT METAL  
CONDUCTS\* HEAT...

\*TRANSMITS-- Encyclopedia Gabrie

...WHICH MEANS  
THAT YOUR SUPER-  
HEATED SOLES SHOULD  
MELT THE TAR AND KEEP  
YOU STUCK...

...FOR  
HOURS!







I WON'T LIE TO YOU,  
BY NOW, YOUR LOVED ONE  
HAS PROBABLY BEEN TURNED  
INTO A MINDLESS MACHINE...

LACKING ALL FREE  
WILL WHATSOEVER. IF  
YOU WERE TO GO IN  
THERE, THE SAME THING  
WOULD HAPPEN TO  
YOU.

YOU JUST DON'T  
UNDERSTAND HOW  
DIFFICULT IT IS...

YEAH, I DO--I WASN'T  
ABLE TO DO ANYTHING  
WHEN ROBOTNIK TOOK  
AWAY MY UNCLE CHUCK  
AND MY DOG, MUTTSKI..

IT WAS THE  
WORST THING I  
COULD EVER IMAGINE  
HAPPENING.

"Lastish.. JFG

OH, SONIC-- THAT'S  
SOB-- TERRIBLE!  
I'M SORRY.

MISSION ACCOMPLI--  
SONIC? WHO IS SHE?

SHE'S A  
SURVIVOR,  
SAL...

THERE, THERE...  
DON'T CRY. EVERY-  
THING WILL BE  
OKAY. WHAT'S YOUR  
NAME?

choke:  
MINA...

I MUST BE GOING-- AND  
I SUGGEST YOU GET BACK TO  
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE IF YOU  
KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!  
SO LONG!

SHEESH! I CAN'T  
BELIEVE WE JUST TEAMED  
UP WITH ONE OF OUR WORST  
ENEMIES-- WHAT NEXT?





THE SONIC & SNIVELY  
COMEDY HOUR?

JOKE ALL YOU  
WANT, HEDGEHOG, BUT  
YOU WON'T BE SAFE  
IN YOUR WOODED  
HIDEAWAY...



...NOT WHEN I CAN  
BIO-MECHANICALLY INTER-  
FACE WITH THE SOFTWARE  
IN MY MASTER  
COMPUTER...



...AND DOWNLOAD  
THE LOCATION OF KNOTHOLE  
VILLAGE INTO MY MEMORY  
BANKS! I'LL ROOT YOU OUT  
AND...AND...



...OOH...  
SUDDENLY...FEEL...  
WEAK... AND...  
WOODY! NOT WELL...  
AT ALL!



HELP ME...  
LAY DOWN...  
AT ONCE, YOU  
VOLTS!

TRANSFER  
ABORTED--  
VIRUS!!

THE?  
END!



IN A LONELY CORNER OF WHAT, UNTIL RECENTLY, WAS A RESTORED MOBOTROPOLIS...

EVERYBODY QUIET!  
HEAR THAT SOUND OF METAL CLANGING ON THE PAVEMENT?

A VERY PROMINENT SOUND IN MY NIGHTMARES, MONSIEUR TULES!

YOU HEARD SONIC'S DAD, ANTOINE!

KEEP IT LOW!

# TALES OF THE GREAT WAR

OBSERVATION:  
NO-SIGN-OF-LIFE-  
AS-OF-YET.

PART  
FOUR

WE-SHALL-CONTINUE-  
UNTIL-OUR-MISSION-  
DIRECTIVE-IS-COMPLIED-  
WITH--

--THE-  
APPREHENSION-  
AND-ROBOTIZATION-  
OF-EVERY-LIVING-  
CREATURE-ON-THE-  
FACE-OF-MOBIUS!

## ANOTHER POINT-OF-VIEW

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SECTOR-EIGHTY-TWO-SHOWS-ALL-CLEAR.

WE-SHALL-PROCEED-TO-SECTOR-EIGHTY-THREE.

WE WERE LUCKY THAT TIME!

UNFORTUNATELY THEY'RE HEADING IN THE DIRECTION WE WERE PLANNING TO!

WE'LL HAVE TO GO ANOTHER WAY!

WAIT! WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE JEREMIAH!

NOT ONLY THAT--

--BUT WE CAN'T ALLOW THOSE **BOOKS** TO BE DESTROYED!

HE'S RIGHT, DEAR.

WITH-OUT OUR HISTORY, OUR KNOWLEDGE--

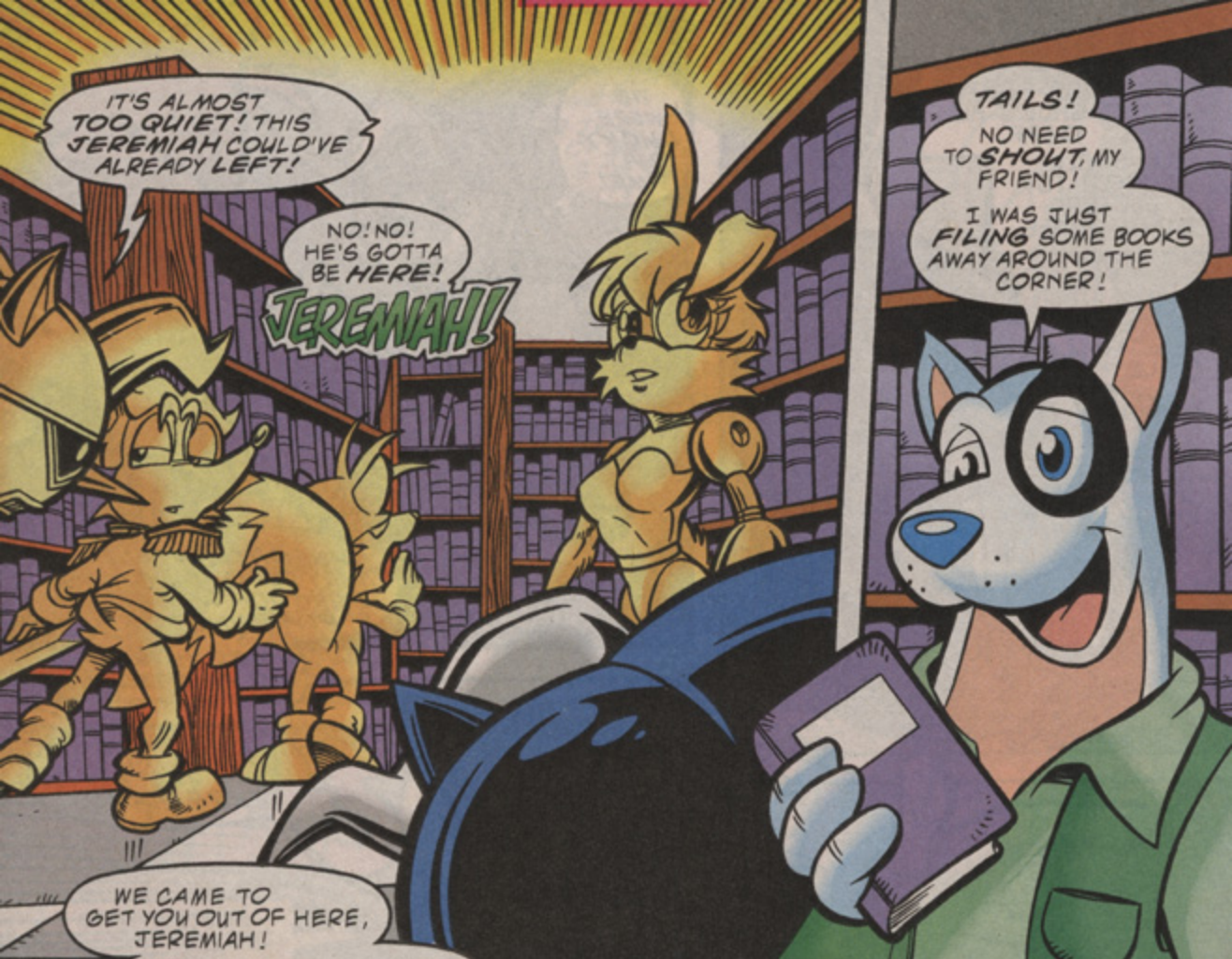
--OUR CULTURE AND WAY OF LIFE COULD BE LOST!

--WE'D BE NO BETTER THAN THE **SWATBOTS** WE'RE HIDING FROM!

EXCUSE ME FOR BEING PRACTICAL AT THE MOMENT.

WE CAN'T SAVE A THING IF WE'RE CAPTURED, NOW CAN WE?





IT'S ALMOST TOO QUIET! THIS JEREMIAH COULD'VE ALREADY LEFT!

NO! NO! HE'S GOTTA BE HERE!

**JEREMIAH!**

**TAILS!**  
NO NEED TO **SHOUT**, MY FRIEND!  
I WAS JUST **FILING** SOME BOOKS AWAY AROUND THE CORNER!

WE CAME TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE, JEREMIAH!

THEY'RE CHECKING EVERYWHERE! YOU'LL GET CAUGHT AND ROBOTICIZED!

I CAN'T LEAVE, TAILS!  
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?



WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE VOLUMES OF MY **GRAND-FATHER KIRBY'S** WORK?

YOUR **GRAND-FATHER** WAS KIRBY, SON?

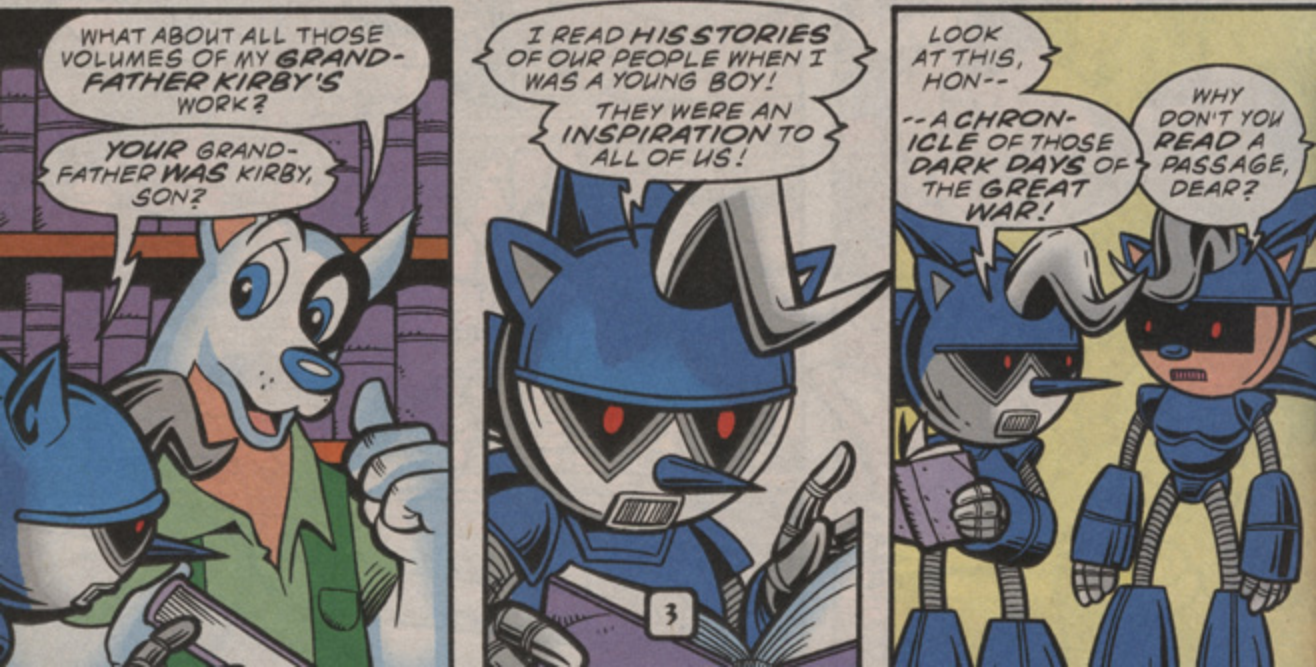
I READ HIS STORIES OF OUR PEOPLE WHEN I WAS A YOUNG BOY!

THEY WERE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US!

LOOK AT THIS, HON--

--A **CHRONICLE** OF THOSE **DARK DAYS** OF THE **GREAT WAR!**

WHY DON'T YOU READ A **PASSAGE**, DEAR?







**KEEP FIRING!**

WE  
DON'T WANT ANY  
SURVIVORS!

LEAST  
OF ALL MY  
**BROTHER!**

"THEIR CRUELTY  
KNEW NO BOUNDS  
AS THE SHELLING  
CONTINUED--

"--THE SOUND OF  
RETREAT COULD  
BE HEARD THROUGH-  
OUT THE KINGDOM...

"TROOPS SHELL-SHOCKED AND WEARY FROM THE BATTLE WERE DIRECTED TO SAFETY IN THE BUNKERS, WHERE ALREADY THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE WAITING..."

**DOWN  
HERE, MEN!**

WE'LL BE  
ABLE TO TAKE  
FIVE AND  
REGROUP!



"THOUGH FOR THE MOMENT THE TROOPS WERE SECURE IN THEIR TEMPORARY SANCTUARY, THEY COULD HEAR THE EXPLOSIONS CASCADE AROUND THEM--

"--AND THE AIR GREW THICK WITH GREAT UNEASE..."

"FORTUNATELY, WHILE SOME WERE HOLDING OFF THE ENEMY, OTHERS DISCOVERED A MEANS TO STRIKE BACK..."

BERNIE!  
COCOA! WHAT'S  
THE WORD?

EVERYTHING'S  
ALL SET!

TELL  
EVERYONE TO  
FOLLOW US!

SAY! ISN'T THAT  
THE GIRL I USED TO  
DEBATE AGAINST IN  
SCHOOL?

AND LOST  
TO ALL THE TIME,  
JULES!

NOW IS NOT  
THE TIME TO THINK OF  
FRIVOLITY--  
--WHEN WE  
STILL HAVE A WAR  
TO WIN!

"THEY PROCEEDED  
TO DESCEND  
FURTHER INTO THE  
DARK, DARK SEWERS  
THAT HONEYCOMBED  
UNDER THE STREETS  
OF THEIR FAIR  
CITY--

"--LED BY THE WOMEN, WHO WITH THEIR  
SUPERIOR EYESIGHT, PROVED TO BE  
THE ABLEST OF GUIDES..."

WE'RE JUST ABOUT  
AT THE SPOT YOU GUYS  
WANT!

"WHILE THE BATTLE HAD BEEN  
FOUGHT, A SET OF ORIGINAL  
DIAGRAMS OF THE SEWER  
SYSTEM HAD BEEN DISCOVERED  
AND IT WAS LEARNED THE SYSTEM  
EXTENDED FARTHER OUT THAN  
ANYONE THOUGHT--



...RIGHT  
BEHIND  
ENEMY  
LINES!



OHO! SNEAK  
ATTACK, EH?

WELL,  
YOU SHAN'T  
PREVAIL,  
YOU FURRY  
FREAKS!

SAYS YOU,  
BUSTER!



AAARRGHHH

I DO SAY!  
THERE'S ONE  
DOWN!!

AMADEUS!!

"THOUGH AMADEUS DID  
NOT DIE, WITH THE FIRING  
OF THAT SHOT, THE CITI-  
ZENS OF MOBOTROPOLIS  
AT LAST UNDERSTOOD  
THEY WERE IN A WAR NOT  
OVER TERRITORY OR RAW  
MATERIALS, BUT  
OVER THEIR VERY  
EXISTENCE!"

"SENSING IMMINENT  
DEFEAT, THE OVER-  
LANDER LEADER  
KINTOBOR SUR-  
PRISED EVERYONE  
BY JUMPING INTO  
THE SAME UNDER-  
GROUND SHAFT  
THAT WAS USED BY  
THE KING'S  
SOLDIERS..."

HEY  
YOU!

STOP  
RIGHT  
THERE!

WITLESS  
FEMALE!

THAT'LL  
BE THE DAY  
I LISTEN  
TO SUCH AS  
YOU!





"WITHIN MOMENTS, THE OVER-  
LANDER VANISHED FROM THE  
SCENE, LEAVING ALL TO  
WONDER IF HE ENDED UP  
LOST, WANDERING THE  
ENDLESS MAZE OF CONDUITS--

--OR BARRING  
THAT WHAT ARE  
THE CHANCES  
THAT THIS ONE  
**ESCAPED**,  
WAITING FOR  
THE **RIGHT**  
MOMENT TO  
**STRIKE?**

YOU KNOW  
YOUR PEOPLE  
**BEST**,  
JULIAN!

WHAT  
WOULD YOU  
RECOMMEND?

THAT--THAT  
PICTURE... IT'S  
MY **BROTHER**,  
COLIN!

THEY WILL  
FIGHT UNTIL EITHER  
THEY HAVE **WON--**  
OR ELSE NO ONE IS  
LEFT **ALIVE!**

"HAVING CAREFULLY, PAINSTAKINGLY WON  
OVER THE KING'S CONFIDENCE, JULIAN  
WAS SOON PRESENTED TO THE CITIZENRY  
AS THE NEXT WARLORD--

"LITTLE DID ANY-  
ONE REALIZE AT THE  
TIME WE MADE A DEAL  
WITH THE WORST DEVIL  
IMAGINABLE..."

YOU'RE  
RIGHT, TAILS!  
IT IS IMPORTANT  
TO **PRESERVE**  
THE LESSONS  
LEARNED!

LET'S TAKE  
WHAT WE CAN  
RIGHT NOW,  
AND PLAN HOW  
TO **RETRIEVE**  
THE REST  
LATER!

NEXT:  
**DISASTER!**



# SONIC-GRAMS



**OFF PANEL**

**by Gallagher, Manak & Amash**

## THIS JUST IN!

Hey, Sonic fans! We want to know what you thought of our new team's (Karl Bollers, FRY, and Andrew Pepoy) debut issue! We also want to know your thoughts on such things as the new Robotnik and his return to Robotropolis, the Mobians return to Knothole Village, etc.!

On to other news, news that can finally be told. Do you remember all those mysterious "Coming Soon" half-page ads (including the one earlier in this issue)? You know, the one with Sonic's eyes and smile highlighted in the shadows. That is for an upcoming story-line printing in November that is so huge that it's taking four issues of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, two issues of KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA and one 40-page SONIC SUPER SPECIAL to tell it all. That, my friends, is the official game adaptation to 'SONIC ADVENTURE!' It is a new action/adventure game setting loose our world famous blue blur in an all-new full 3-D thrill ride! Blazing at speeds of up to 60 frames per second, this game is gonna' grab your senses and run hog-wild with 'em!!!

This game can only be played on one new system: SEGA's DREAMCAST -- "the ultimate gaming machine" -- debuting with fifteen other games available in your neighborhood game store on 9/9/99! This system comes with a 56K modem, making it the first network-ready gaming console allowing you to play with thousands of other gamers worldwide through SegaSoft. For more information, check out the SEGA and SegaSoft's website located at <http://www.sega.com> and at <http://www.segasoft.com>.

More on "SONIC ADVENTURE" next month, so until then...

**Catch you on the flip side!**

**J.F. GABRIE**  
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**We received many letters for SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #71. Here's just a sampling:**

Dear Sonic Grams,

I am a super fan of Sonic comic books, and was amazed at the backwards issue #71! I was wondering something though. Why did you do it backwards? Is it a special occasion or something? Anyway, please explain this. You guys are doing great!

Milton Mag

**Except for the fact that the story lent itself to it, there was no special reason why this story was done backwards, Milton. We did it for the simple reason that we could. That's what made it fun!**

Dear Sonic,

Sonic #71 was da'bomb! Looks like Sonic has some new features. Anyway, I like Sonic with green eyes. I loved Spaz's artwork. The Tales and Amy Rose story was very interesting. If I'm correct, Jeremiah is a Harlequin Great Dane. Can't wait for "Sonic Underground" to air.

Beth Klein  
Kingsport, TN.

Dear Sonic,

What a blast! I just received Sonic #71 today. It was so cool! Also, I want to know what happened to cause the Great War! Can't wait 'til the next issue. You are so interesting. Thanks!

John Michael (age 9)  
Fairmount, GA.

**Keep reading "Tales of The Great War" for more on that.**

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just read #71 and it was awesome!! The backwards thing was a little confusing at first, though. I hope we get to see Solar Sonic again soon. Sonic's new look is awesome, too.

Joel Cash (age 13)

Dear S-Grams,

I've just finished Sonic #71. Man, you weren't kidding about it being the strangest issue. The cover was spectacular. Great work, Spaz! You make great covers. I can't wait to see what the Great War is all about.

Chris Wright  
Gracemont, OK.

Dear JF,

I've got a few questions: 1) In Sonic #71 why does Sonic have buckles on his shoes? 2) Also in that same issue of Sonic, why does Sonic also have green eyes? and 3) Could it be that it's not really Sonic, could it actually be Sonic from the evil zone?

Sonic99800@aol.com

**Now to answer your questions: That really IS Sonic. The change of appearance is due to the blast he sustained while holding onto the Super Emerald.**

**Re: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #72:**

Dear Sonic,

Oh, I just fear the worst for you guys because Robo's back in town. I think he has a welcome home party for you, but it ain't gonna be your average punch and cake! Speaking of cake, I believe he plans to put his "ICING" on all of

Knothole! I can't stand the suspense! I can't wait 30 days for each comic! Keep them coming!

Kelly Anne Murray (age 16)  
Gig Harbor, WA

Dear Archie Comics,

I know how Robotnik comes back: He doesn't. It's really Robo-Robotnik, right?

Joshua "Sega Nut" Eagal  
Trenton, MI

**Yep.**

Dear Sonic and Tails,

Major kudos on "I, Robotnik!!" It was probably the most interesting story to date since issue #71. 1) How did Snively survive the explosion in issue #70? By the way, when are you going to show Sonic and Mighty's past relationship?

Geoffrey Coleman  
Manhattan Beach, CA

**Thanks for the kudos. 1) Snively was beamed up to the satellite by Robo-Robotnik right at the time of the explosion. Sonic and Mighty's past relationship saw print in the back-up stories in KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #26-#28.**

**Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...**

**KEEP ON JUICIN'!**

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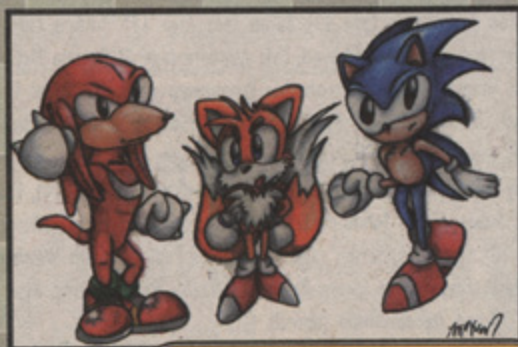


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